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Transmitted herewith is a letter regarding the Notification of Defective Response and the Declaration.

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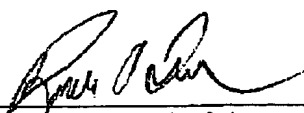
Dear Ms. Campbell:

This is to confirm our telephone conversation of June 29, 2005 concerning the receipt of a Notification of Defective Response mailed on 06/23/2005 in the above-identified application. We believe the Notification of Defective Response to be in error since the Declaration as filed is a two-page document with each page indicating that the document consists of two pages and further indicating that additional inventors are being named on separately numbered sheets. In other words, the Declaration is clear as to comprising two sheets, with separate inventors being listed on the separate sheets. We believe this to be in full compliance with the requirement that the Declaration contain a complete listing of all inventors to indicate that each inventor believes himself to be one of several inventive entities.

Pursuant to your request, we are faxing to you a copy of the Declaration as filed. You will note at the bottom that there is a check box indicating that additional inventors are named on separately numbered sheets attached hereto. Further, you will note at the bottom that the document clearly indicates that it is a two page document, with page 1 and page 2 designated specifically.

Please review the subject matter and indicate the status of this submission.

Thank you for your attention.



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